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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA-WESTERN SAMOA'S ADMISSION TO THE UN

REF: (A)USUN 6194(NOTAL);(B) USUN 6244(NOTAL);(C)USUN 6258  
(NOTAL);(D)USUN 5836(NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: REACTION TO SAMOAN SPEECH ON OCCASION  
WESTERN SAMOA'S ADMISSION TO UN HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLE.  
OMMISSION OF FRANCE FROM AMONG COSPONSORS OF UN GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY(UNGA) RESOLUTION ON SAMOA'S ADMISSION SEEN AS  
EVIDENCE OF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FRENCH SOUTH PACIFIC  
POLICIES. WESTERN SAMOANS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF  
PERMANENT MISSION TO UN. END SUMMARY.

2. REACTION IN NEW YORK TO SPEECH (REFTEL (A)) BY SAMOA'S  
DEPUTY HEAD OF STATE TUPUA TAMASESE LEALOFI IV ON OCCASION  
OF ADMITTANCE OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS DECEMBER 15 HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLE.  
FIJI'S AMBASSADOR VUNIBOBO HAS BEEN CONTRASTING ITS POSITIVE  
TONE WITH THE EXTENDED POLEMICS OF ANGOLA'S FOREIGN  
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MINISTER DOS SANTOS ON THE OCCASION OF ANGOLA'S  
ADMITTANCE DECEMBER 1 (REF (D)).

3. OMISSION OF FRANCE FROM AMONG MEMBERS OF SOUTH  
PACIFIC COMMISSION AS A COSPONSOR OF UNGA RESOLUTION  
ON ADMISSION OF SAMOA (REF (B)) HAS BEEN SEEN AS

REFLECTION OF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FRENCH POLICIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THE FRENCH (NOT MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN SPEECH) HOWEVER, DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE ONLY TARGETS FOR CRITICISM IN TAMASESE'S SPEECH BECAUSE HE SAID IN PART: "THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION HAS ALMOST WORKED ITSELF OUT IN AFRICA. THE OUTCOME IS INEVITABLE. ONLY THE MEANS IS DEBATABLE. THE 1970'S ARE THE DECADE OF DECOLONIZATION IN THE PACIFIC. THAT DECADE HAS PROGRESSED WELL. INDEPENDENCE AND FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH TRANQUILLITY THAT MUST BE ENVIED ELSEWHERE. THE PACIFIC WAY, AS WE CALL IT, HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR DIFFICULT SITUATIONS TO BE OVERCOME AND TROUBLE TO BE AVOIDED. BUT DIFFICULT CASES REMAIN. PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY ARE DIFFICULT, BECAUSE THE TERRITORIES ARE POOR AND ISOLATED, BECAUSE THEY ARE SMOTHERED BY THE DOMINATION OF ANOTHER POWER, OR BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN SPLIT BY CONFLICTING AIMS, THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE IS STILL NOT CLEAR."

4. VUNIBOBO ENCOURAGED THE SAMOANS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MISSION IN NEW YORK. HE REASONED THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS WOULD REPRESENT A CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE FOR APIA, A PERMANENT MISSION COULD PAY DIVIDENDS AS A COORDINATING POINT FOR SAMOA'S RELATIONS WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM AS WELL AS FOR BROADER DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. THE SAMOANS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY.

5. GOVERNOR SCRANTON PERSONALLY GREETED AND CONGRATULATED TAMASESE. ADDITIONALLY, HE SENT TAMASESE A LETTER  
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ENCLOSING, AS A MEMENTO, A TAPE OF HIS SPEECH (REF(B))  
AS HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE OCCASION OF SAMOA'S  
ADMISSION.  
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